

15 a linkage assembly for pivoting said guard
in relation to said deck, a first portion of said linkage
assembly being mounted to said guard and a second portion
of said linkage assembly being mounted to said deck.

36. The mower head of claim 35 wherein said linkage
assembly first portion comprises a first flange and
wherein said linkage assembly second portion comprises a
second flange.

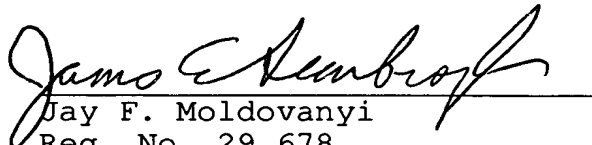
5 37. The mower head of claim 36 wherein said linkage
assembly further comprises a hydraulic cylinder and a
piston, wherein one of said hydraulic cylinder and piston
is connected to said first flange and another of said
hydraulic cylinder and piston is connected to said second
flange.

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that the
foregoing amendments be entered prior to substantive
examination of the application. These changes are
submitted to place the application in better form for
examination.

Respectfully submitted,


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